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**DPHSS Phase 1a Vaccination Continues Tuesday, December 22;
Pfizer Clears Second Package of Vaccines from Second Shipment**

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The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) will continue Phase 1a vaccinations on Tuesday, December 22 at Okkodo High School in Dededo, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. The school cafeteria and gymnasium will be set up as a temporary vaccination clinic. The doses will be administered through closed points of dispensing (PODs).

The following healthcare personnel not affiliated with the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) or Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) defined under the Phase 1a category are encouraged to participate in the temporary vaccination clinic:

PHASE	IDENTITY	CRITERIA
1a	Healthcare personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none">any person who provides health care services. This can include, but is not limited to, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered and other nurses, paramedics, emergency medical or laboratory technicians, and ambulance and emergency medical workers.	Having direct or indirect exposure to COVID-19 or infectious materials

If you are eligible to receive the vaccine under Phase 1a, you may proceed to the temporary vaccination clinic. Pre-registration is not required. A government-issued ID is required and you may be asked to present your employment ID.

Pfizer Clears Second Package of Vaccines from Second Shipment

The Joint Information Center previously reported that one of two packages of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccines which arrived on December 19 did not have the proper “green” color on the GPS-enabled thermal sensor to signal that the package was in acceptable condition. Today, the DPHSS Immunization Program received confirmation from Pfizer-BioNTech that this shipment has been cleared for use. The DPHSS Immunization Program was informed that Pfizer-BioNTech retrieved and reviewed the data from the GPS-enabled thermal sensor on this second package containing 3,900 doses of vaccines, and confirmed its viability.

To date, DPHSS has received a total of 11,700 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines, completing its allocation for the month of December. The 11,700 doses will fully immunize 5,850 individuals.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries on COVID-19, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.

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